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President's Message April, 2008

I hope that 2008 finds you all well and enjoying the hobby!!

Trying to keep in touch with what's going on with my fellow numismatists, I have been going to some club meetings for different functions but have slowed down a bit. Still enjoying some great programs like learning about Morgan Dollars or Grading #1 or just learning from all your Show-N-Tells.

The start of 2008 had me off to the Delta Coin Club's Annual Dinner in Stockton, however a big storm kept me from attending which has always been a very enjoyable event for me. Another enjoyable event is the annual dinner for the Fremont Coin Club which I was able to attend. The Diablo Annual Dinner in Concord had me in a conflict as the Solano Silver Round Club has their monthly meeting on the second Thursday and since I am president of this club, I was unable to attend Diablo's dinner. And the latest dinner was put on by the Redwood Empire Coin Club in Santa Rosa which was great, mostly due to the group of people I had the pleasure to share a table. By attending different coin club events, you get to enjoy making new friends and meeting up with old friends. . . . you just can't find a better way to spend an evening.

I have only been able to attend two coin club shows so far this year. Both in March, first Livermore Valley Coin Club show at Elk's Lodge in Livermore and second the Redwood Empire Coin Club show at the Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. I'm sorry that I missed some shows that I usually get to but since I'm still driving for Vallejo Nissan, I never know when I'll get a call to work. But there are still a lot of coin shows coming up and even if I can't get to them, you should give it a try!

The 2007 Ron Miller Award was awarded to Mark William Clark of San Francisco. After several months of getting a date to make the presentation, we were able to get together at the March 28th, 2008, meeting of the San Francisco Coin Club. It was a great pleasure to make the presentation among a group of individuals who know Mark and his work in numismatics.

A group of four of us went to San Francisco, along the way we picked up an old time name in numismatics, O. L. Wallis. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Wallis join us.

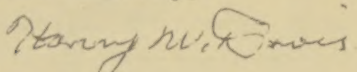
Nominations for 2008 Ron Miller Award are now being taken. So if you know of someone who you believe may be entitled to this award, please send in nomination in writing to me by end of July at 2900 Georgia Street, Vallejo, Ca 94591 .

The 2008 NCNA show has been put on hold but we hope we may still be able to put one together.

You just can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. And hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other upcoming club shows or functions.

As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Harry W. Davis,  
President



## MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

*Hello! The inspiration for this editorial message comes not from my daily jogging----often quite early in the morning---or something read in a local coin club newsletter/bulletin, but from James H. Laird, current President of the Diablo (Concord, California) Numismatic Society.*

James is well-known philanthropist plus quite socially involved and committed, and he and I, often at times, converse and compare thoughts about philanthropy. From him, I have learned much, much about a key element in any philanthropic endeavor---as well as local coin clubs---and this is 'Volunteers'.

'Volunteers' are the true brick and mortar of a local coin club, and since there are no, if ever or any, local coin clubs, with a compensated staff or officers, then 'volunteers' are imperative. *No Volunteer Then No One To Bring The Meetings Donuts. No Volunteers Then No One To Check The Group's Mail. No Volunteers Then No One To Tack Duct Tape To A Gym Floor The Evening Before The Coin Show. Simple, Local Coin Clubs Exist Because of Volunteers.*

My rambling here is not to offer thoughts as to how to recruit volunteers or how to encourage, or even train, them. The latter is not that easy; however, most skills and work require only a committed heart, devoted body, and kind spirit; someone wanting and willing to the chore, and it is these chores that make local coin clubs. My reflection, coming from the insights of James H. Laird, is how we respect---we treat and we thank---our 'Volunteers'.

### Here Are Some Thoughts

*First*, every local coin club newsletter/bulletin should, must, have a section or column or report of those who have done the chores, by name and job, and express appreciation and gratitude. This is both common courtesy and common sense. I would recommend a column or section titled 'Kudos'.

*Second*, I have always admired local coin clubs that once-a-year, at an annual social gathering, remember and publicly thank those who served an office, exhibited in a National Coin Week display, performed a necessary chore for the group's annual show or other event, or were the Refreshment Coordinator or Property Custodian. Nearly thirty years ago, I attend the Annual Installation Banquet of the Fremont (California) Coin Club and was then, as today, impressed with how the Club paused and in real class and courtesy expressed gratitude. The Delta (Stockton, California) Coin Club does the same at its Annual Dinner and has even added a Member's Appreciation Night. Needless to say, there are others; but, the point is made.

*Third*, the President, any President, in a sure display of leadership, should have a ready supply of those standard 'Thank You Notes' and generously write a few kind words and mail these ready. Those in contemporary business know that 'Thank You Notes' are literally a standard business practice.

*Fourth*, every local coin club needs a special award, presented annually, and called something akin to 'The Member [or Man or Woman] of the Year', recognizing exemplary devotion and dedication, in gratitude. The long-gone Napa Valley Coin Club had its 'Man of the Year'. The award was given only once, and the Club died. Any Corollary With That For The Club Only Did It Once? Maybe.

*Fifth*, if the group's finances warrant it, I would even advocate an annual complimentary social for those who sincerely and significantly contributed, maybe a 'Volunteer's Dinner or Saturday Luncheon'.

There are other suggestions, and the point is concretely and clearly made: 'volunteers need to be appreciated, recognized, and thanked'.

***"When Eating The Fruit, Think Of The Person Who Planted The Tree."***---Vietnamese Saying

***Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope!***

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini, F.R.C.N.A.  
Editor



## **GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings**

### **2008 Election Year**

Adhering to our biannual cycle, this calendar year is our Election Year. The five (5) Executive Officers' positions are all open. The procedure, as in the past, is for a Ballot to be prepared, listing the candidates and mailed-out sometime September and October. Our Bylaws provide for certain qualifications plus service on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in seeking office, please mail your written and signed intention to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

### **2008 Dues and Dues Notice**

Since the membership rosters were nearly lost and would have required extensive reentry, it might be unclear as to who has or has not paid their 2008 Individual Dues or what local coin club has or has not paid its respective Club Dues. **Therefore, Everyone Listed On The Rosters, as January 1, 2008, Is Receiving This NCNA HEADS AND TALES Issue. Also, If No Record Confirms 2008 Dues Has Been Paid, A Dues Notice Has Been Included.**

Of course, errors and omissions are regretted, and dues payments----**\$5.00 for Individual Members and \$10.00 for Club Members**----may be mailed to the aforementioned 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

### **Next Nor-Cal Coin Show**

Nothing to report as this issue is being prepared and printed. Hopefully, something should be announced, in the national numismatic press, shortly or soon. *Stay Tuned.*

### **Next Board of Directors Meeting**

No date or venue has been set and scheduled. Club Delegates may telephone President Harry W. Davis at 707-642-0216 for any updates and specifics.

### **2008 Miller Medal**

As President Harry W. Davis noted in his 'President's Message', formal written nominations are now officially called for our Association's 2008 'Miller Medal'. Nominations submit to President Harry W. Davis at '2900 Georgia Street, Vallejo, California, 94591-6602'. Deadline, which is mandatory, is June 30, 2008, postmarked no later than that date! Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is the revised roster of the honored recipients, none of whom are eligible.

### **Coin Club Services**

Over the recent decades, NCNA has provided, usually in gratis or for nominal costs, several free or complimentary services and support for local coin clubs. In summary, these include: **enclosing fliers and Order Forms in the three-times-a-year NCNA HEADS AND TALES, coin show Exhibit Award Ribbons, the popular Coin Show Schedule, and loan of coin show banner signs, plus support of the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) 'Youth Table' at local coin club shows.** Some of these services have become somewhat dormant, and others seemed to have been used only infrequently. In addition to the aforementioned services and support, an informal 'speakers bureau' has been coordinated. The two most popular have been enclosure of fliers and Order Forms and the Coin Show Schedule. Local coin clubs are welcomed to make inquiries at either [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com) or to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

*Notice:* Effective Friday, June 6, 2008, Your Editor's well-known work email, [stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.k12.ca.us), shall no longer be valid.



## BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

*Hey, How's The Weather? Catching Any Fish?* Welcome To Another Saga In Northern California Local Coin Clubs! As usual and writing for both this NCNA HEADS AND TALES and the quarterly CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST, local coin clubs are encouraged to regularly mail their respective bulletins/newsletters as well as any News Releases to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410', for coverage and reporting in both periodicals. Timely mailing and receipt is reminded. To save some postage----which increases this May 2008----and some trees, to those local coin clubs sending two complimentary copies----to NCNA HEADS AND TALES and to CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST----just combine as one mail or one complimentary issue. As long as Your Editor remains an Assistant Editor for the award-winning CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST, one complimentary copy is sufficient. *Note:* Electronic versions are not acceptable presently. *Anyway, Let's Learn What's Happening.*

### Alameda Coin Club

Wow, At Last The Club Has A New Meeting, and Outstanding, Venue: 'Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street and Lincoln, one block from Park Street, on Alameda, California'. The Club begins its meetings at 6:45 PM, due to the Library's hours and closure; but, its meetings remain on the First Tuesday. The new meeting room has been described as "well-lighted" and "quiet, comfortable, and private." Information about the Alameda Free Library may be telephoned to 510-747-7777, and about the ACC, to **Donald R. Barsi** at 510-796-1225. The March 4, 2008 meeting was good to **Donald**, who won the Attendance Prize, and to **Allen Kraemer**, the Club's new member, who claimed the Membership Prize, while **Robert G. Sturn**, the ACC's THICK AND THIN TIMES Editor, took home the Coin of the Month prize. Also at the ACC's March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Don** presented a short program on St. Eligius, the Patron Saint of Coin Makers and Numismatics.

### California Exonumist Society

CES' President **Michael S. Turrini** over the last few presented a few of his esteemed and nicely framed and mounted 'President's Citations': **James E. Kern**, Executive Director and Curator for the Vallejo (California) Naval and Historical Museum, **Syd Kass**, of Stockton, California, **Kenneth J. Barr**, of San Jose, California, and **Gary Acquistapace**, of Cupertino, California. All four have enhanced the education and enjoyment of tokens and medals. CES issues quarterly THE MEDALLION, and the current April 2008 issue reprinted an article on Canada's Hudson Bay Company tokens, by **Loren Barnes**, who is active in the Ontario (Canada) Numismatic Association (ONA). *Note:* THE MEDALLION would welcome articles about California exonumia, and would gladly include Order Forms and information about local coin club medal issues. Information about the CES may be contacted at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

### Cupertino Coin Club

Enjoyed a nice one-day coin show last February 24, 2008 at the well-know Napredak Hall, in San Jose, California. During this Show, **Michael S. Turrini**, California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Youth Numismatist Coordinator, facilitated the 'Youth Table' and 'SQS', 'State Quarter Search'. **Lyle Okamoto** was among the adult participants, and he shared a nice chuckle in the CCC's March 2008 electronic COIN PRESS: Lyle "worn the outline of Michigan. One youth came up and appeared puzzled by the outline. I [Lyle] hinted that it was from where all the United States cars came. The puzzled youth responded, 'China?' Perhaps, the kid was more correct than realized! Anyway, the kid happily accepted a State Quarter for the effort in answer." 'SQS' earns also the successful youth a free State Quarter Album. At the CCC's March 14, 2008 meeting, the Club's 2008 Executive Officers were chosen, and they were: **Alvin H.W. Lo**, President, **Lyle Okamoto**, Vice-President, **Gary Acquistapace**, Treasurer, **Emile Metressat**, Recording Secretary, with **Richard Boston**, Past President. CCC announced two important dates: Saturday, July 19, 2008, for its Joint Picnic with the neighboring San Jose Coin Club and Sunday, October 19, 2008, for its Awards Banquet, again at Cupertino, California's Blue Pheasant.



### **Delta Coin Club**

*Sad News:* **Bee Grimm** lost her battle with cancer last January 31, 2008. Among the most revered and beloved Delta Coin Club members, for many years, she was the Club's Sunshine Coordinator, with her always enjoyed humorous, hand-drawn, and timely cards and well-wishes. She served the position for over twenty-five (25+) plus years. Due to terrible driving conditions preventing certain members attending the Club's January 4, 2008 Annual Banquet, the Club's annual presentations of 'Certificates of Commendation' was delayed until a special 'Members' Appreciation Night' this past February 15, 2008. Among the recognitions bestowed not previously reported, **Theodore Garber**, the Club's current Vice-President, was honored with a 'President's Medal' from Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) President **Harry W. Davis**. The DCC's March 21, 2008 meeting heard a joint program by **Syd Kass** and **Allen Merilles**, on the '1896 Educational Silver Certificates', "regarded as the most beautiful and most controversial notes that created the most fury of any United States piece of paper money." **Syd** exhibited samples of these rare and popular Silver Certificates.

### **Diablo Numismatic Society**

*Special Notice:* The Diablo Numismatic Society has begun preparations for its Golden Jubilee, within two years, 1960-2010, and a club medal is planned. At this point in time, President **James H. Laird** is seeking any former members, and particularly any Charter Members, contact the DNS at 'PO Box 177, Concord, California, 94522-0177'. The DNS shall have further announcements as the historic anniversary draws closer. Last March 13, 2008, the DNS held its Awards Banquet at Concord, California's Marie Calendar's. To a standing-room only crowd, the Society's most coveted honor, 'Fellow of the Society' was bestowed upon **Gordon R. Donnell**. In an emotion presentation, bringing tears to several in the crowded audience, **James H. Laird** recounted the devoted dedication that **Gordon** has sacrificed for local coin clubs over the past decade. Unique to this presentation, and the first-and only-time ever, all 'Fellows' were in attendance: **Michael S. Turrini**, **Michael M. Stanley**, **Michael J. Fiore**, **John P. Russell, Jr.**, **Mark Clarkson**, and **James H. Laird**, with **Gordon R. Donnell**.

### **Fairfield Coin Club**

**Robert E. Luna** presented his PowerPoint program, 'Grading Morgan Dollars' before a packed March 23, 2008. His program, accompanied with a complimentary Grading Guide, generated many questions. This meeting also doubled as the Club's Thirty-Fifth (35<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary, 1973-2008. Earlier, the Club celebrated this Anniversary at its February 27, 2008 with a Pizza Night at Fairfield, California's New York Pizza, only to have a record attendance 'max-out' the venue reserved! The Club, going back to its January 23, 2008 meeting, elected its 2008 Executive Officers, and they are: **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, President, **William F. Bartz**, Vice-President, **Jon Maria Marish**, Secretary, who doubles as the FCC's FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM Editor, and **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, Treasurer. At this same meeting, Bill provided a nice review about 'Error Paper Money'.

### **Fresno Numismatic Society**

**Randy Clifton**, the FNS' monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST, always provokes something interesting to read, as from the April issue: "Coins have a more positive track record. Not saying they cannot loose out, because they can. I bought one of those SS Republic shipwreck Half Dollars, when these first released to the public. Paid a good grand for it, about a few years back. I thought this to be a no brainer. No way could you get these any cheaper than they were when these were first released to the public. Today, I would be doing really well to get seven hundred out of it. Not such a good deal. But, I still have the Half Dollar, and I still am awestruck to think about the history behind it. That is what is so cool about numismatics. A collector is not so wrapped up in the monetary aspect of things; he or she collects because he or she desires the item. The beauty of the art work, the historical aspect behind it, which is really drives us. The opportunity of a coin's appreciation in value is just a pleasant bonus." *Well Written, And Quite True! Sidebar:* Randy always seems to offer good insight and nice observations about our hobby and what it means and does for us active hobbyists. In fact one of the reasons, I joined and maintain my FNS membership, even at a distance, is to read his expressions.



### **Fremont Coin Club**

March 24, 2008 FCC's Show 'n Tells had one of most historic rarity and uniqueness, a 1864 Presidential Election Ballot for Abraham Lincoln, as the National Union Ticket, by **Bill Keaney**, who found it among some family keepsakes. *Note:* In 1864, election ballots were provided by the political parties, and the Republican Party changed its name, temporarily, to National Union. *What A Piece of History!* At this same meeting, **Michael S. Turrini** presented his *'Tools of the Trade'* program: "he related a toolbox that he uses for model railroading and came up with items that we coin hobbyists might want to put in our own toolboxes, such as, reference books, guides, periodicals, magnifying glasses, flips, 2x2s, blade, stapler, staple remover, markers, memberships, scales, calipers, gloves, journal, log, want lists, and I [**Matt Hutchinson**, who is the FCC's monthly DOUBLE EAGLE Editor] would add a swatch of velvet." **Michael** also claimed the gold coin prize in the Drawing, as reported, "the drawing gold went to a boisterous **Michael S. Turrini**."

### **Liberty Numismatic Society**

Elected its 2008 Executive Officers at its January 16, 2008 meeting, and they are: **Gene C. Hoy**, *President*, **Dr. Regan Shea**, *Secretary*, and **Ken Fowler**, *Treasurer*, but no Vice-President: "the post of Vice-President remains vacant, awaiting a willing volunteer." At this same meeting, the members present "savored a PowerPoint presentation, *'Roman Provinces and Their Coins'*, by **John Jencek**. Provincial Roman coinage is a passion of John, and it showed in his enthusiastic intro into this far-reaching topic." The February 20, 2008 meeting heard **Dr. Regan Shea**, on *'Numismatically 1961, From A To W'*: "his presentation covered a variety of numismatic, geopolitical, and economic data as illustrated by his collection of coins produced by various counties during the year 1961." The March 19, 2008 meeting had **Jim Rosen** talking on *'How To Organize, Inventory, Protect, and Store Your Collection'*: "**Jim** brought in an abundance of material from his own collection to demonstrate various aspects important for properly maintaining a collection of coins and medals." The LNS is proud that its long-time booster and Past President **Mark Wm. Clark** was honored with the Northern California Numismatic Association's (NCNA) *'Miller Medal'* at the March 28, 2008 San Francisco Coin Club meeting.

### **Livermore Valley Coin Club**

Announced "we need a person to be in charge of the Snacks. Volunteers should not rush to the front table at the next meeting! Please proceed safely!" Also, the LVCC's April meeting program was promoted in this fashion: "the Program Director is sleeping...shh." Both these comments are from the Club's April 2008 newsletter. In the earlier March newsletter, the Editor **Tom Wallace** promoting the Club's Show noted "for those that were able to get to the Kitchen, the food looked good this year. Perhaps, I will get a chance next year. I will not eat until then."

### **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

*First*, PCNS elected, last December 2007, its 2008 Officers, and they are: **Federico Castillo**, *President*, **Sandra Whalen**, *Vice-President*, **Michael L. Whalen**, *Treasurer*, and **Herbert Miles**, *Acting Secretary*, who in his reelection stated that "would like to groom a successor, and would welcome prospects. Herb would even teach you how to do it!" [*Note:* That is the *'Secretary's Duties'*!], with *Governors*, **Ed Treuting**, **Gordon R. Donnell**, **Kenneth E. Takahashi**, and **Dr. Michael F. Wehner**. *Second*, the January 23, 2008 meeting heard **Kenneth E. Takahashi** speak on the *'Coins of the Samurai'*; he, "with the able assistance of spouse, Rebecca, gave a delightful presentation on coins of the Samurai, a period of time from 1599 to 1868, also called the Tokugawa Period" in Japanese history. He displayed "coins, with oval, rectangular, round, and other odd shapes, and ranged in denominations called Obans to Kobans, to Bus to Shus or Mons. These consisted of gold, silver, copper, brass, and refined iron." *Third*, PCNS' youngest member, at age 17, **Daniel Feldman** reviewed *'The David Cervin Project'* at the February 25, 2008 meeting: "The Cervin Project rewards his endeavors at education himself and participating in numismatic activities with ancient coins. In order to earn each coin, **Daniel** had to perform a series of actions and activities related to numismatics education...**Daniel** brought the pieces that he has earned from completing the Cervin Project, coins donated by dealers...."



### **Peninsula Coin Club**

The February 2008 PCC newsletter had an intended new feature, 'Club Member Spotlight', with **Jim** Southward as the first personality: "long time member, **Jim Southward** is known for his expertise in United States coinage, especially Bust Quarters, and he is a very knowledgeable numismatist. But, there is another side of **Jim**; however, that makes him a very special person in our community. Every Christmas Season, **Jim** bleaches his facial hair brilliant white, and he becomes Santa Claus. He not your average Store Santa; however, he especially caters to children with disabilities! Shamefully, disabled children are very often not allowed to see and to sit on the lap of the average Store Santa due to liability concerns. We applaud **Jim** for this ever so special seasonal service to bring joy and hope to special children in our community." The PCC, facing complex and confusing consternation with the ever rising price of silver, has adopted a new approach to silver club medals for its annual issues: "we decided to allow members to supply silver rounds to cover the silver required for their PCC Silver Club medal orders. The exact savings for the members doing this will depend on the total silver supplied less a shipping fee to send the silver to our minter." *Note:* Your Editor would welcome opinions on this subject which has and does affect some many local northern California coin clubs. The Stanislaus County (Modesto, California) Coin Club has for a few years sought donations of silver rounds from its members to curtail the costs and charges. *Any Other Approaches?*

### **Redwood Empire Coin Club**

Reports another successful coin show for its March 2008 Fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary Coin Show: "by 10:00 AM Saturday morning, there was a line of out the door, with over seventy (70) people came during the first fifteen (15) minutes of the Show. There were over five hundred (500) people attending on Saturday and over three hundred (300) people on Sunday. The Club was again fortunate to have American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor and Club Friend, **Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr.** in attendance. He ran the Treasure Hunt for the kids attending the Show...on Saturday, March 30, 2008, the Annual Show Dinner, at the Hungry Hunter. The food was okay to good, but the company was excellent, and the prizes, of thirty-seven (37) bottles of wine were given away. At this Show Dinner, the Six Month Membership Gold Drawing was held...and the winner was **Don Homesley**, winning a Ten Dollar Eagle." *Now, Here Is The Best From RECC's Fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary Show:* "One Final Tid Bit: There were a few lost and found items at the Show. Two people lost glasses, and one girl lost a toy purse. Also, Jonathan Avila found some teeth! Apparently, a bridge with four teeth on it fill-out. **Jonathan** gingerly picked it up and mentioned to his brother, **David**. **David** did a little sleuthing, and found that dealer **Sal Falcone** had indeed lost his bridge, which had cost \$1900.00. **David** got \$50.00-off a ring that he purchased, and **Jonathan** got \$20.00 cash for his help. And, **Sal** walked away with a full smile!"

### **Reno Coin Club**

At the Club's February 5, 2008 meeting, 'Member of the Year Award' went to **Ken Hopple** for "outstanding contributions to the promotion of the Reno Coin Club, the Carson City Mint, and the Nevada Historical Society, and numismatics in general among the public." In the March RENO CARTWHEEL, there is a snapshot of **Ken** standing before the Carson City Mint's famous Press #1, with the legendary test pilot **Chuck Yeager**. At previous January 8, 2008 meeting, **Fred Holabird** spoke on the 'Treasure of the SS Central America', and at the March 4, 2008 meeting, **David Elliott** spoke on the 'Coins of the Crusades'.

### **Sacramento Valley Coin Club**

Has been encouraging short articles by its members for inclusion in the monthly SVCC NEWSLETTER. SVCC President **John Bither** really promotes this, and seeks all members 'to put pen to paper'. For example, in the recent April issue, **David Hendin** had a two-page review of the 'The First Dated Jewish Coin', and **Lou Juricich** wrote 'The Clip Planchet'. As noted by **John**, **Lou Juricich** submitted this month's member article on 'Clipped Planchets'. Lou has been a great help to me with my own error collection. Lou, thanks for the help with my collection as well as the great article. It is apparent that there is really some good information available to the error collector."



### San Francisco Coin Club

Lots To Report: *First*, the SFCC, back on December 28, 2007 elected its Executive Officers, and they are: **Jack G. Trad**, *President*, **Dr. Michael F. Wehner**, *Vice-President*, **Lyle Okamoto**, *Secretary*, and new Editor for its electronic monthly TWO CENTS WORTH, and **Michael S. Turrini**, *Treasurer*. *Second*, the Club is quite proud that its now retired Secretary and Editor, **Mark Wm. Clark**, received the esteemed 'Miller Medal', the 'Ron Miller Memorial Award', from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) by its President **Harry W. Davis** at the Club's March 28, 2008 meeting. Along with **Mark**, two other 'Miller Medal' Recipients were in attendance at this meeting: **Michael S. Turrini** and **O.L. Wallis**. This March 28, 2008 meeting was a 'big-one' for the SFCC, and at it, the long-delayed 'Hans Hansson Memorial Drawing' was held, earning the Club's \$230.00. Plus, **Kenneth E. Takahashi** shared his 'Coins of the Samurai' program, making for a full evening. *Third*, the Club has instituted a 50/50 Drawing at its monthly meetings, and at the February 27, 2008 meeting, it was reported that "**Michael S. Turrini** was dancing and the joyous winner of two wooden case pencils from the National Museum of the American Indian. Well Done, **Michael**! **Lew Robinson** won the 50/50 Drawing, **Lew** generously donated his \$17.00 cash prize back the Club. Thank You, **Lew**!" The SFCC, which has been enjoying increasing attendance, again reminds its monthly Fourth Friday evening meetings are inside the 'Community Room, Taraval Police Station, 2345—24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, off Taraval, in the Sunset District, of San Francisco, California'.

### San Jose Coin Club

Began 2008 with a great program at its January 9, 2008 meeting by **Gordon Stubbs** with 'Magic and Coins': "This is the kind of entertainment that never gets old. We all love the world of magic and just wish we knew how to do the tricks ourselves. That is were SCC Member **Gordon Stubbs** captured the imagination of the attendees at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with his fascinating 'Coins In Magic' presentation. He had all shapes and sizes of coins and paraphernalia and displayed how some of them were used. Yes, I said, used! He shared some of the secrets with us. The Youth Members were particularly interested in **Gordon's** presentation; and some of us 'older kids' were too. We are never too old to pay attention to a good magic show and that is what **Gordon** presented." Next at the March 12, 2008 meeting, **Edward Sins** shared his passion, 'Royalist Mexico From 1729 To 1821': "one of Mexico's most interesting times. He provided examples of each of the coin denominations from all the rulers of that time. **Ed's** enthusiasm and knowledge are always positive part of his talks." Going back to the February 2008 San Jose Coin Club's Show, the Best of Show Exhibit Winner, Charles V. Kappen Award, was **Ken Spindler** with his monumental 'Cash Coins of China from the Reign of Emperor Xian Feng, 1851-1861'. Other Adult Exhibit Winners, in descending order, were **Alvin H.W. Lo**, **Britta Ehlers**, **Ronald Ishizaki**, **Phil Iverson**, **Sally Johnson**, **Ray Johnson**, **Catherine Edgerton Lenker**, and **Donald Ehlers**. *Sidebar*: Your Editor appreciates and acknowledges the kind expressions given in the April TODO DINERO, the monthly SJCC newsletter, by its Editors **Ray and Sally Johnson**. Relocating an annual coin show from a most established venue is never easy or the best; however, the San Jose Coin Club, under the enthused leadership of its President **Fred Davis**, made it work and made it successful.

### Solano Silver Round Club

One of the major draws of the SSRC are its Show 'n Tells. Being a specialized hobbyist collecting group, and not akin to normal local coin clubs, SSRC meetings depend upon its attending members to share and to show silver rounds. **William F. Bartz** has been a regular participant over the recent months, along with **Jan D. Henke**, **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, and others. For example, at the February 14, 2008 meeting, **Jan** displayed a full set of Honolulu Coin Club medal issues! **Robert F. Tedder** showed at the March 13, 2008 meeting a set of five (5) silver ovals of the British Royal Family. Upon further discussion by others, it was concluded that these were a now defunct Franklin Mint 1970s sterling silver issue, titled, possibly, 'Royal Family Cameos'. For those interested in silver rounds, the SSRC welcomed new members, and it continues its meetings on the 'Second Thursday, inside Home Town Buffet, Fairfield Room, Gateway Center, in Fairfield, California'. Write To: 'PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533-0351'.



### **Stanislaus County Coin Club**

Reported that its Life Member #1, **Bob Swain**, recently passed away. The SCCC plans at its next coin show a Memorial Display at Bob's regular bourse table. The SCCC's GOLD STRIKE February 2008 issue printed this eulogy: "With great sadness, we regret to share that **Bob Swain** has passed away. **Bob** was one of our Club's 'Founding Fathers', and avid collector and dealer, and his passion for life extended far beyond the measure of gold and silver. He was always ready with a smile and a story to share, especially regarding his United States Navy service." The February 13, 2008 meeting heard **Randy McCoy** talk on 'Elongated Coins', which began with the first elongates from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

### **Vallejo Numismatic Society**

*First*, at long last, the VNS has a new and real meeting venue, after meeting in local eateries since 1992! The VNS now assembles on the 'First Wednesday, with door open at 6:00 PM, in 'Room A' inside the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador Street, between Georgia and Florida, in Vallejo, California. Entry is via the rear of the Center, facing the bocce courts. Meeting times remain 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.' *Second*, with this new meeting site, the Society now has plans for regular programs, and began with **John P. Russell, Jr.** at its April 2, 2008 meeting with his 'Coin Grading Clinic I', which accent the dollar, half dollar, and gold denominations. The earlier February 6, 2008 meeting theme was 'Local Numismatics' with these Show 'n Tell participants: **Michael S. Turrini, Robert E. Sather, Thomas Smith, Jon-Maria Marish, Josef Klaus, Harry W. Davis, and Irene Carrillo.** *Third*, the VNS is 'mighty proud that several of its members: **Gordon R. Donnell**, with the neighboring Diablo (Concord, California) Numismatic Society's 'Fellow of the Society', **Mark Wm. Clark**, with the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) 'Miller Medal', and **Michael S. Turrini**, who delivered his slide-illustrated program on the 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE) in San Diego, California. *Fourth*, the Society's first 2008 meeting was its annual 'Other Hobbies Night', with these enthused participants: **Charles Gardener**, Natural Body Lotion, **Claudia Gardener**, Local Newspaper Political Cartoons, **Josef Klaus**, Photography, **Martin E. Klein**, Model Flying Airplanes, **Robert E. Luna**, Cartoon Animated Figures, **Michael S. Turrini**, Rare United States Postage Stamps, **Harry W. Davis**, NCNA Medals, and **Irene Carrillo**, Candy.

### **Visalia Coin Club**

Received Only One Newsletter. **Cameron Kiefer** reported to his first local coin club that he enjoys his Grader position with ICG, is now married, and has his first child this January 2009. **Phil Plettner** shared his experiences at the recent Cupertino Coin Club Show, noting that the day was "very rainy [which it was] but the Show was well attended and very busy [which it was also]." *Note:* The Cupertino Coin Club certainly would enjoy hearing these positive comments.

### **Gateway Coin Club**

Oops, Almost forgot our fellow friends and hobbyists in Merced, California, who have resurrected their monthly newsletter. The Club does announce that its Annual Coin Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2008, and again at the Merced Senior Center. No other details. E-Mail: [ffrohman@hotmail.com](mailto:ffrohman@hotmail.com).



## 'The Miller Medal'

# Northern California Numismatic Association

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*Note:* 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.





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***'Northern California Tokens: History and Fun'***

*Directions:* To reach the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, drive I-80 to Vallejo, California. Take the Georgia Street Exit WEST. Drive west about two miles to downtown Vallejo, and turn RIGHT at Sonoma Blvd., Highway 29. Drive NORTH two blocks and turn LEFT at Capital Street. Museum is one block WEST on the left at the corner of Marin and Capital. Parking is located on the street and behind the Museum. *Note:* On Saturday mornings, there is a 'farmers' market' in downtown Vallejo.

*Food Service:* A luncheon, in the Museum's 'Hall of History', is planned. Other eateries within walking distance.

*Information:* Write To: 'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428'. Telephone: 510-547-0518 or 707-246-6327. Email: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com). Museum: 707-643-0077 with Email at [valmuse@pacbell.net](mailto:valmuse@pacbell.net).

*Lodging:* Write to above post office box for information about local motels.



# COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

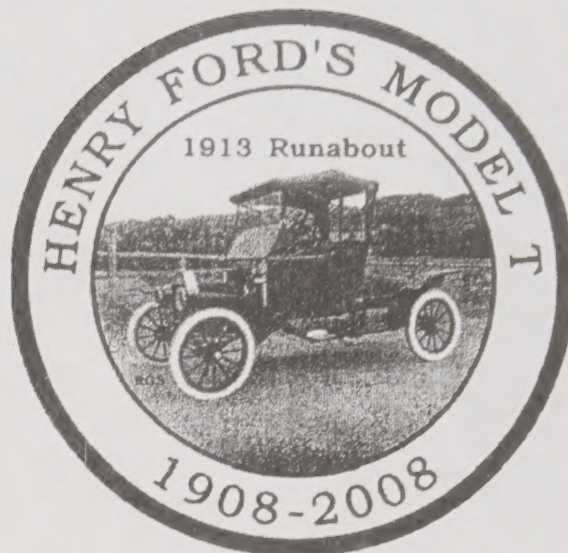
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- May. 2-3, 2008 SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Valley Coin Club 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, 2428 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn, Ca. 95603. Phone: 530-885-9050 . Admission \$2, 17 and under free!
- May 4, 2008 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 36th Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, Vallejo. Bourse: Harry W. Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602. Information Phone numbers: (707) 642-0216, (707) 246-6327 or (510) 547-0518 or E Mail: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com)
- June 22, 2008 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym, on Oak Street at Central, Alameda. Bourse and Info: Tom Gesner, P.O. Box 1230, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530. Phone: (510) 923-4216 (days).
- July 12-3, 2008 MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Modesto Centre Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> and K Streets, Modesto. Bourse: Sandy Woodward, P.O. Box 355, Turlock, Ca. 95381. Phone: (209) 668-3682
- Jul. 30-Aug.3, BALTIMORE, Md. American Numismatic Association 117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention. Information: [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) or phone (719) 632-2646.
- Aug. 16-7, 2008 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.



- Sept. 7, 2008 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show, Willow Hall, Fairfird Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pnnsylvania. Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 644-6232 or (707) 567-6938.
- Oct. 3-4, 2008 SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, P.O. Box 232, Auburn, Ca. 95604. Ph. 530-885-9050 or E Mail: [gcce@jps.net](mailto:gcce@jps.net) Admission \$2, under 18 free
- Oct. 11-2, 2008 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue at Diamond Boulevard, just off Freeway 680 in Concord. Bourse: Bill Green (925) 351-7605. e mail: [greenwj@aol.com](mailto:greenwj@aol.com) (Admission \$2)
- Oct. 25, 2008 VALLEJO. CSNA Northern California 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Symposium, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration begins at 9AM with the programs starting at 10AM. Host Club: Vallejo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428. Information: Phone (510) 547-0518 or (707) 246-6327. E Mail: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com)
- Nov. 9, 2008 SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 29th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com)
- Jan. 23-5, 2009 SAN JOSE. San Jose 41<sup>th</sup> Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show, The Pavilion, Santa Clara County Fair Grounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416 Also: See web page at [www.sanjosecoinclub.org](http://www.sanjosecoinclub.org). Admission \$3.
- Nov. 15, 2009 SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 30th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: [fredvdh@gmail.com](mailto:fredvdh@gmail.com)





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